

# **Public Safety Officer Memorial Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday – February 11, 2015/ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

**111 Union Square S.E. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Risk Management Conference Room**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Memorial location / Review Pros & Cons**

The committee had consensus at the January meeting to consider property locations at the February meeting. Five committee members were present on February 11, with one that participated by sending comments and rankings of properties via e-mail (James McGrane).

The committee members were tasked at coming up with pros and cons and to rank the properties on their own and be ready for sharing and discussion at the February meeting. Properties chosen for consideration included Arroyo del Oso Park, City Open Space at Montano and Coors; the McGrane Public Safety Center, the National Hispanic Cultural Center, One Civic Plaza, the Bernalillo County Public Safety Building at 4<sup>th</sup> & Roma N.W. and Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center. The Tingley Beach property was added via an e-mail request and accepted by the group by consensus.

The committee discussed the pros and cons, possible constraints and other desires / issues for each property. Through a facilitated process the committee voted to select the top three properties to recommend to the BCC. The locations are listed by highest ranking:

1. Tingley Beach
2. Arroyo del Oso Park
3. McGrane Public Safety Center

Some of the considerations ranged from providing a reflective space, access to the property by both locals and tourists, ADA requirements, location within the city, working with other jurisdictions outside of the county, possible partnerships, exposure to community activity and surrounding land use / community development, traffic, parking, space considerations and security.

While the committee felt that the McGrane site was of significance because Officer McGrane lost his life very close to the site, they also felt that it paid more honor to Officer McGrane and his family if the site was solely dedicated to Officer McGrane and that adding all fallen officers would dilute its importance.

## **Property Pros / Cons (top 4 highest rankings):**

### **Tingley Beach:**

#### Cons:

- Traffic
- Site is recreation based – may not be conducive to reflection

#### Pros:

- Good access to public transportation
- Property has historic value
- Speed limit slow – good pedestrian safety
- Future development in the area positive
- Close to Bosque / adjacent
- Security is good
- Popular public/tourist location
- Outdoor feel – serenity that the group had expressed previously
- Reflective, passive recreation and art
- Tingley foundation would support (Need board approval) – they have 85,000 members

### **Arroyo del Oso Park:**

#### Cons:

- Somewhat isolated compared to other locations
- Not county owned
- Possible planned memorial already by COA

#### Pros:

- Close by amenities—shopping, dining, entertainment
- Access – good public transportation, pedestrian friendly
- Good COA location – outdoor, urban, plenty of land, close to substation, good exposure, Osuna is well traveled
  - Planning & design work of the site already completed

### **McGrane Public Safety Complex:**

#### Cons:

- Traffic – loud and noisy
- Not visible to the public
- Minimal community activity
- Not in good taste to piggy back off of McGrane legacy
- Small area
- Access issues – would need to be developed
- Cost of development
- Location – is mentally far – people would have to travel to the “mountains” to access / perception issue

**Pros:**

- Already a place of significance because of proximity to the location of Officer McGrane's death
- Safe place – part of Public Safety Complex
- Good intimate space
- Pre-planning and design already accomplished, project could start immediately.
- Art funding already approved

**COA Open Space/ Montano & Coors:**

**Cons:**

- Access limited
- Heavy traffic – noisy
- Parking minimal
- no security
- Might be issues with neighborhood associations opposing based on history of their involvement on other community issues
- It's a city property – has possible prior committed use Poor location
- Owned by COA
- Ease of access – not close to I=26 / I-40

**Pros:**

- Bosque - tranquil and beautiful
- Not much landscaping / development would have to be done
- Good exposure – busy location with many visitors
- Accessible to many neighborhoods in the Westside
- High density of population

**Other Items**

Barry Bitzer with the Tingley Foundation was invited to present to the committee to provide a brief presentation on the possible location of Tingley Beach. There are a few location prospects at Tingley that have not been planned out. Mr. Bitzer thinks that the memorial would be a good fit for Tingley. County staff will contact Cultural Affairs to ascertain the feasibility of locating the memorial at Tingley Beach.

**Next Meeting:**      Wednesday, March 11  
                                 4:30 to 6:30  
                                 Union Square

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